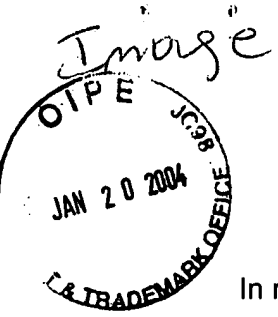


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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re the Application of:

SHIMANUKI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1724

Application No.: 09/764,391

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Date: January 20, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition for an extension of time for one month for response to the outstanding Office Action dated September 25, 2003 from December 25, 2003 to January 25, 2004.

Please find attached a check in the amount of **\$110** to cover the fee discussed above. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 106145-00016.**

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